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Sir:

The following Declaration and any attachments are to establish conception in the United States of claimed subject matter in the referenced patent application and diligence to the filing of the referenced patent application on July 31, 2000, from a date prior to the effective date of the following references relied upon by the Examiner to support rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) in the Office Action dated September 8, 2004:

U.S. Patent Publication No. US2001/0031633A1 (Tuomela, et al) filed in the United States on November 30, 2000, having an earliest priority date of December 1, 1999.

U.S. Patent Publication No. US2003/0060212A1 (Thomas) filed in the United States on February 28, 2001, having an earliest priority date of February 28, 2000.

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In support of this declaration, we, Thomas C. Hill of Crystal Lake, Illinois, and Slim Souissi of San Diego, California, declare and sayeth the following:

That we conceived the claimed subject matter of the referenced patent application in the United States before August 24, 1999, which is prior to the effective date of United States Patent Publication No. US2001/0031633A1 (Tuomela, et al) and U.S. Patent Publication No. US2003/0060212A1 (Thomas), in the course of employment by Motorola Inc., the assignee of the instant application by virtue of an assignment duly recorded on the Official record of the United States Patent & Trademark Office, REEL/FRAME 011201/0122;

That the claimed subject matter of the referenced patent application was the subject of a written invention disclosure prepared and executed after conception on August 24, 1999, and that the invention disclosure was subsequently submitted to a Patent Committee of Motorola Inc., the assignee of record for consideration and assignment to a patent attorney for preparation and filing of a patent application;

That each of the dates redacted from the disclosure attached as Appendix I is prior to the effective dates of United States Patent Publication No. US2001/0031633A1 (Tuomela, et al) and U.S. Patent Publication No. US2003/0060212A1 (Thomas);

That on information and belief a patent application was prepared and filed, in due course upon, in the United States Patent Office on July 31, 2000, by or on behalf of Motorola Inc.;

That all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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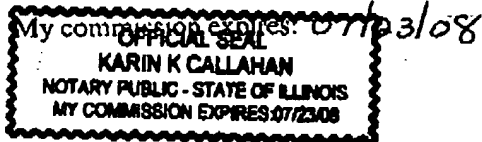
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The undersigned Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Thomas C. Hill whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the instrument as their free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and notarial seal this 6 day of October, 2004.
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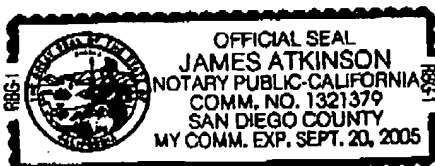
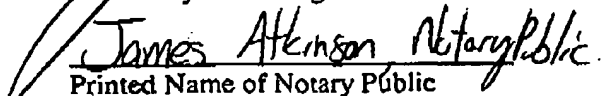
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The undersigned Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Slim Souissi whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the instrument as their free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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- Name of invention: (Limit to ten words.)
Method to Improve Capacity and Battery Life of an Ad Hoc Short Range System using Sensor Mgmt.
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- What is the closest known technology? (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)
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This invention uses sensors, sensor processing, sensor management (ad hoc and centralized), and sensor sharing to improve the battery life and capacity of a short range system while retaining the ad hoc nature and advantages of the system.

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Method to Improve Capacity and Battery Life of an Ad Hoc Short Range Systems using Sensor Management**I. PROBLEM**

Short Range systems such as Bluetooth suffer from battery life and capacity limitations due to the ad hoc nature of the system. To centralize the system to improve these conditions would defeat the ad hoc nature and advantages of the short range system. What is needed is a way to utilize other surrounding information to improve battery life and system capacity while keeping the ad hoc nature of the network in place.

II. THE SOLUTION

Sensors are becoming more miniature and will be ubiquitous on people and inside objects over the coming years. The number and type of sensors available will be huge (sound, video, direction, gyro...etc.). Short range systems such as Bluetooth will also become ubiquitous and available in many devices. The ubiquity of miniaturized sensors in conjunction with short range wireless will open up a plethora of personalized and customized capabilities for the consumer. In addition, these new combinations of sensors, sensor processing, sensor management and short range wireless can be used to improve on the ad hoc nature of the short range system.

Our invention utilizes sensors combined with short range wireless systems to improve two aspects which can be problems with the short range ad hoc network. These are battery life and capacity. However, sensors alone may not completely solve the problem, but sensor processing and management done in the short range unit, or shared amongst short range units can be used to greatly enhance the performance of a short range device. The following details several embodiments of this invention:

1. Embodiment - We claim multiple sensor processing done by a mobile short range unit for the purposes of using said processed information to make decisions to increase the battery life of the said unit.
2. Embodiment - We further claim that said processed sensor information may be shared with other mobile or fixed short range units for the purpose of optimizing the battery life of all units sharing said information.
3. Embodiment - We further claim that said processed sensor information may be shared with other mobile or fixed short range units for the purposes of creating new information to be processed by the other units. This new information, shared amongst the ad hoc system, may be used to improve the system capacity limitations while retaining the ad hoc nature of the short range system.

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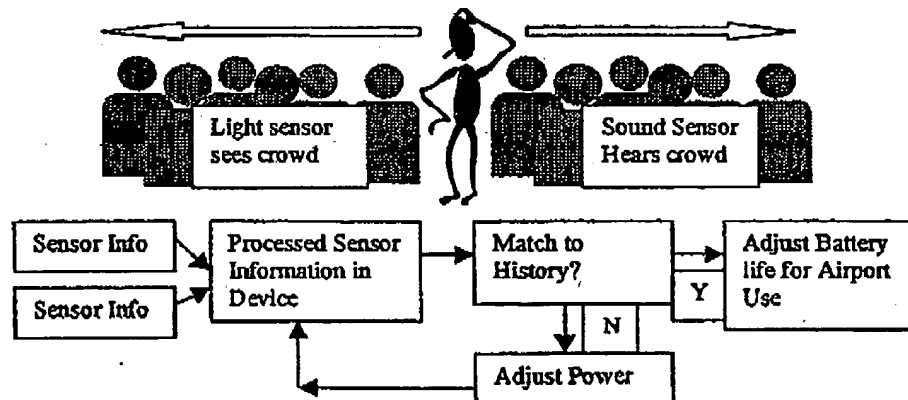
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4. Embodiment – Sensor information processed by short range unit to improve battery life. Short range transceivers can consume more battery life than required while traversing through short range cells and looking for push or pull information or registrations. A motion sensor may be used to alter the power on/off or power level of the short range transceiver registration (including other WAN systems) during motion, and alter again when the unit is still. Other type sensors (light sensors, sound sensors, range sensors) may be used for the unit to process and manage other sensor added information to determine when the short range module should change its power on/off or power level state. (For example: at night or in motion, the module is off; in daylight or not moving it is on). As a reduction to practice, these may be preferred in a section of the bluetooth enabled device under a page for the user called "sensors", which not only add value to the user's life (such as a medical sensor), but improve the operation of the bluetooth enabled device and surrounding short range system.



5. Embodiment – Coupled sensor information to determine environment and improve battery life or capacity. Sensors can be coupled through a device processor to the short range transceiver AND utilize learning functions to determine a pattern match of the usage and respond by immediately improving the battery capability of the user device. An example of this can be for the processor to learn that the user, when coupled with certain sensor inputs, is in a busy area (processed to be an airport) and quickly gives the bluetooth module full power for usage.



6. Embodiment – Coupled sensor information to determine environment and improve network capacity limitation through master cell segmentation. As in embodiment 2, the same sensor processing can be used to determine if the user is in a crowded area (range sensors, sound sensors, etc.). At this point the sensed information is processed to activate the bluetooth module to alert the short range system

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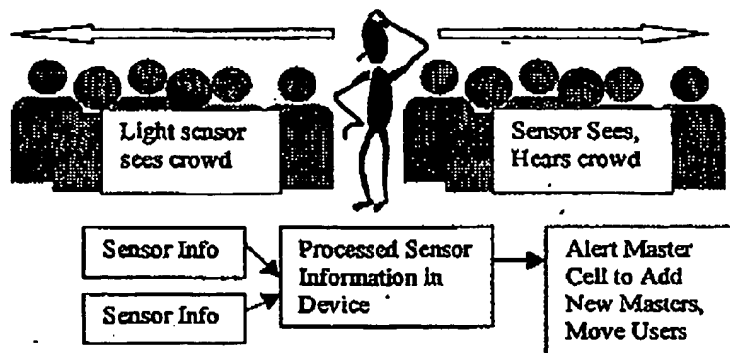
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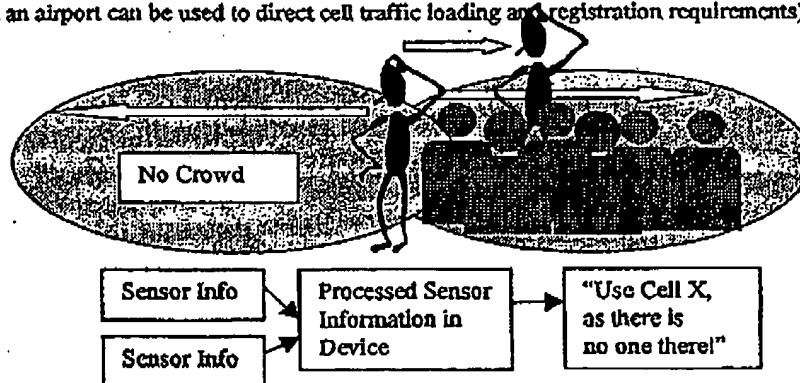
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master cell to improve the capacity by segmenting some users to other master cells and setting up new master cells for taking on more users. This uses sensor managed information to improve the capacity performance of an, otherwise, ad hoc system.



7. Embodiment – Shared sensor information to improve battery life and capacity of ad hoc short range network. Not only are sensor information managed and processed for use by the short range unit or system, but other units may also utilize sensor processed information from units other than their own. Sensors connected to the unit processor may utilize same unit sensors OR, sensor information may be sent across the short range ad hoc network to other units' sensors for processing by those units. Thus, setting up a 'network' of sensors. The sensed information may remain distributed to other units throughout the system, or may be centralized temporarily by one unit for ad hoc. For example - Sensed information, such as light, range, sound, video, may be used by other units to choose different masters (based on capacity - i.e., an airport lounge is crowded in one direction, but not the other where there is a lightly loaded master cell), or to conserve battery life (motion and direction sensors of many users in an airport can be used to direct cell traffic loading and registration requirements).



8. Embodiment – Service Discovery used to acknowledge and share sensed information. The short range system service discovery protocol can be used to improve the sensor information and processing, which in turn benefits the short range system. Service discovery can be used to add more sensors (for the users' unit or from many users' units) or to look for certain fixed positioned sensors for

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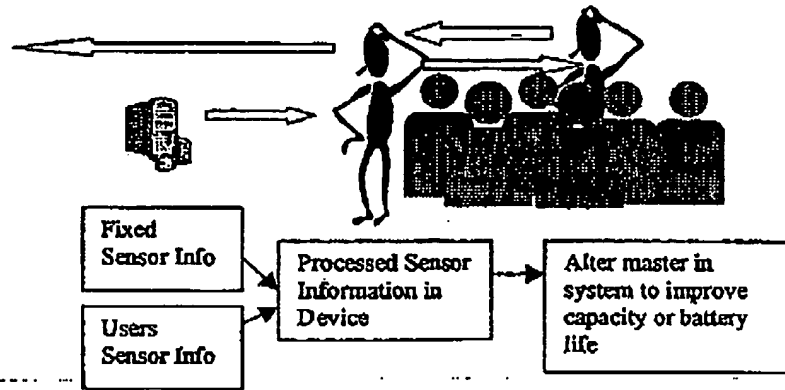
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information. An example of this embodiment is for a short range unit to service discover other fixed equipment with sensors which can supplement ad hoc decision making for battery and capacity (sometimes using the fixed power line units as masters, etc).



9. Embodiment – Sensors can also be used to adjust the power levels of the unit to save battery.
10. Embodiment – Inertial sensors and accelerometer sensors can be used to determine not only direction and angle, but also position of the unit. In some instances, this type of sensing may be useful for determining when to power on the short range unit. For example, when a unit is in a vertical position, such as a pda on the belt, it may be off; when the unit is in a horizontal position.
11. Embodiment – Centralized dynamic traffic control using crowd sensors. In a centralized network, crowd detectors are used (at the device). The sensed data is relayed to a central controller where a population distribution is drawn for the local coverage area. The central controller allocates bandwidth to Picocells according to crowd distribution.
12. Embodiment – Channel changes based on crowd sensors. A crowd/motion detector is used at the subscriber unit to make assumptions on the propagation characteristics. In crowded areas the fading is very likely to be observed because of Multipath. When crowds are moving the channel can be modeled as a fading channel at the speed of the moving crowd. Moreover the presence of crowds indicates that shadowing losses will likely decrease the link margin. Based on crowd detection, the subscriber unit may adjust the power level to account for estimated propagation losses. Alternatively the subscriber unit can halt andALOHA transmission or drop the data rate in order to maximize the chance for a successful transmission.

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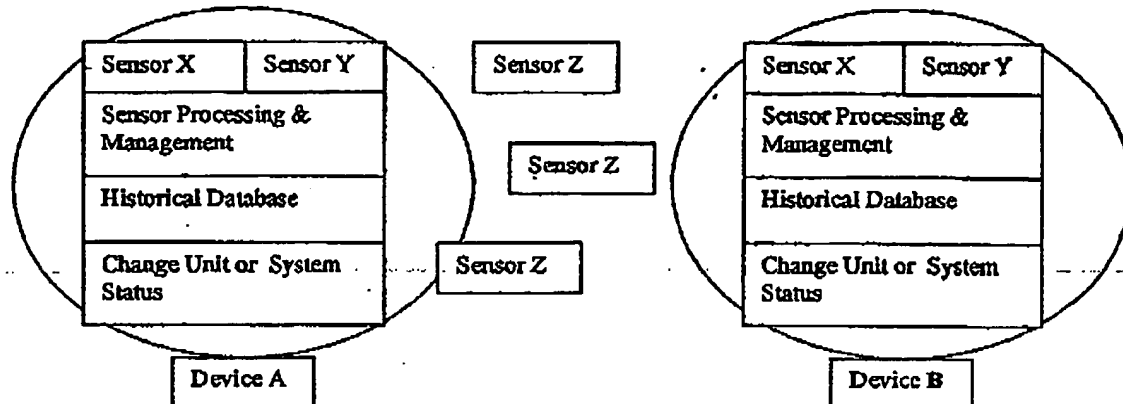
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III. CONCLUSION

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